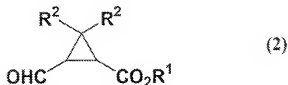


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

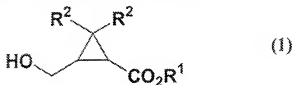
1. (Currently Amended) A production method of formylcyclopropanecarboxylate compound of formula (2):



wherein R¹ and R² are as defined below,

which comprises reacting

a cyclopropanecarboxylate compound of formula (1):

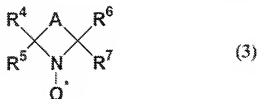


wherein R¹ represents a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group, a-substituted or unsubstituted an aryl group which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or two or more groups selected from a C1-15 linear, branched alkyl group, cyclic alkyl group, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, an aryl group, an aryloxy group and an alkoxycarbonyl group, or a-substituted or unsubstituted an alkyl group which is composed of a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group, alkyl group and an aryl group which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or two or more groups selected from a C1-15 linear, branched alkyl group, cyclic alkyl group, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, an aryl group, an aryloxy group and an alkoxycarbonyl group,

R² represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

with at least one oxidizer selected from the group consisting of hypochlorite, N-halosuccinimide, a trichloroisocyanuric acid, and iodine,
in the presence of a nitroxy radical compound.

2. (Currently Amended) A production method according to claim 1, wherein the nitroxy radical compound is a nitroxy nitroxy radical compound of formula (3):



wherein R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are the same or different and represent

a linear, branched or cyclic lower alkyl group, or

a linear or branched lower alkenyl group,

an aryl group, an aralkyl group, or an acyl group, and

A represents the group represented by

$-\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_2-$, $-\text{COCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_n-$, or $-\text{CHXCHY}(\text{CHZ})_n-$,

wherein n represents 0 or 1,

X, Y and Z are the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a

halogen atom, an amino group, an acylamino group, a carbamoyl group,

a linear, branched or cyclic lower alkoxy group,

a lower alkenyloxy group, an aryloxy group,

an aralkyloxy group, or an acyloxy group.

3. (Original) A production method according to claim 2, wherein nitroxy radical compound of formula (3) is 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-1-oxyl.

4. (Original) A production method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the reaction is conducted at a pH range of 6-13.

5. (Original) A production method according to claim 4, wherein the reaction is conducted at a pH range of 8-10.

6. (Original) A production method according to claim 4, wherein the reaction is conducted in the presence of hydrogencarbonate or hydrogenphosphate.

7. (Original) A production method according to claim 5, wherein the reaction is conducted in the presence of hydrogencarbonate or hydrogenphosphate.

8. (Original) A production method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the oxidizing agent is hypochlorite.